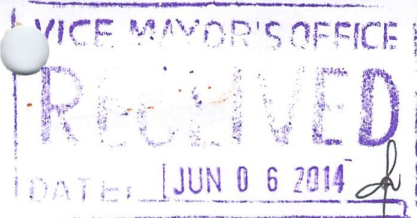


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CITY MAYOR'S OFFICE

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Hon. Benjamin S. Pongos, Jr.,

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Hon. Vincent L. Rama,

Hon. Pedro Godiardo P. Ebcas,

Hon. Mariano Y. Corro,

Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

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Chapter President, Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc

ON LEAVE:

Hon. Eusebio Gerardo S. Penserga,

SP Member

ABSENT:

Hon. Nepomuceno P. Aparis I,

(Deceased), SP Member

Minority Floor Leader

PREFATORY STATEMENT

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10068 otherwise known as "Organic Agriculture Act of 2010" was enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines for the purpose of promoting, propagating and implementing the practice of Organic Agriculture in the Philippines.

WHEREAS, there shall be a comprehensive program for promotion of a community-based Organic Agriculture systems in Ormoc City.

WHEREAS, promoting and supporting organic products as a high value crop will redound to the benefit of the farmers.

WHEREAS, the Organic Agriculture practice minimizes the health risk to farmers by not being exposed to toxic and hazardous chemicals used in fertilizer and pesticides that are present in conventional farming;

WHEREAS, there is a need to promote overall food and nutrition security in our city;

WHEREAS, there is a need to promote sustainable agriculture with the necessary package of public investments made available;

WHEREAS, policy direction and incentives must be provided to our small farmers engaging in Organic Agriculture;

WHEREFORE, FOREGOING PREMISES CONSIDERED, on motion of Honorable SP Member Tomas R. Serafica, Chairman, Committee on Agriculture & Fisheries, severally seconded by Honorable SP Members Eusebio Gerardo S. Penserga, Mariano Y. Corro, Antonio M. Codilla, Pedro Godiardo P. Ebcas and Vincent L. Rama; be it

RESOLVED, to enact:

*ORDINANCE NO. 007*

***AN ORDINANCE ENACTING THE ORMOC CITY ORGANIC AGRICULTURE ORDINANCE OF 2014.***

BE IT ORDAINED by the Thirteenth Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Ormoc in Session assembled, THAT:

SECTION 1. *TITLE* – This ordinance shall be known and cited as the “Ormoc City Organic Agriculture Ordinance of 2014”:

SECTION 2. *DECLARATION OF POLICY*. It is hereby declared the policy of the City to promote, propagate, develop further and implement the practice of Organic Agriculture in the City that will cumulatively condition and enrich the fertility of the soil, increase farm productivity, reduce pollution and destruction of the environment, prevent the depletion of natural resources, further protect the health of farmers, consumers and the general public, and have program for the promotion of community-based Organic Agriculture systems which include, among others, farmer produced purely organic fertilizers such as compost, pesticides and other farm inputs, together with a citywide educational and promotional campaign for their use and processing, as well as the adoption of Organic Agriculture system as a viable alternative shall be undertaken.

SECTION 3. *DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES*. To guide the implementation of this ordinance the practice of Organic Agriculture shall adhere to the following principles;

- a. Organic Agriculture does not co-exist with the genetically modified crops, chemically produced crops and related organisms;
- b. All existing policies on agriculture in the City Government should adopt and integrate all aspects of Organic Agriculture;
- c. The integrity of organic products through the approved organic certification process and organic production, handling and processing standards should be ensured; and
- d. Integration of Organic Agriculture in the basic education agriculture subjects in all levels in public and private schools.

SECTION 4. *DEFINITION OF TERMS*. As defined in this ordinance, the following words shall mean;

- a. *Accreditation* is the procedure by which a government agency having jurisdiction formally recognizes the competence of an inspection and/or certification body to provide inspection and certification services.
- b. *Agricultural Waste* shall refer to waste generated from planting or harvesting of crops, trimming or pruning of plants and waste or run-off materials from farms or fields.
- c. *Biodiversity* is the degree of variation of life. This can refer to genetic variation, species variation, or ecosystem variation with an area.

- d. *Certification* is the procedure by which official certification bodies or officially recognized certification bodies provide written or equivalent assurance that foods or food control systems conform to the requirements.
- e. *City* shall refer to Ormoc City.
- f. *Composting* shall refer to the controlled decomposition of organic matter by microorganisms, mainly by bacteria and fungi into a humus-like product.
- g. *Endemic/Indigenous* would mean plant or animal native to a certain area;
- h. *Organic* refers to the particular farming and processing systems, described in the standards and not in the classical chemical sense. The term "Organic" is synonymous in other languages to "biological" or "ecological". It is also a labeling term that denotes products considered organic based on the Philippine National Standards for Organic Agriculture.
- i. *Organic Agriculture* includes all agricultural systems that promote the ecologically sound, socially acceptable, economically viable and technically feasible production of food and fibers. Organic Agriculture dramatically reduces external inputs by refraining from the use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides and pharmaceuticals. It also covers areas such as, but not limited to, soil fertility management, varietal breeding and selection under chemical and pesticide-free conditions.
- j. *Organic Center* shall refer to a place owned by the government or private entities that showcases and promotes varied organically raised products.
- k. *Organic Gene/Seed Bank* shall refer to a storage area of organically raised seeds that could supply and produce these indigenous seeds to farmers.
- l. *Small Farmers* include all marginal and sub-marginal farm household and/cultivating not more than three (3) hectares.
- m. *Solid Waste Management* is the generation, prevention, characterization, monitoring, treatment, handling, reuse and residual disposition of solid wastes.
- n. *Watershed* is the area of land where all of the water that is under it or that drains off it goes into the same place.

SECTION 5. *COVERAGE*. This ordinance shall apply to the development and promotion of Organic Agriculture and shall include, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Policy formulation of regulation, registration, accreditation, certification and labeling on Organic Agriculture.
- b. Research development and extension of appropriate, sustainable environment and gender-friendly Organic Agriculture.

- c. Promotion and encouragement of the establishment of facilities, equipment and processing plants that would accelerate the production and commercialization of organic fertilizer, plant based pesticides, herbicides and other appropriate farm inputs.
- d. Implementation of Organic Agriculture programs, projects and activities including the provision and delivery of support services with focus on the farmers and other stakeholders.

SECTION 6. *ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS*. Organic Agriculture program shall embrace the following;

- a. The promotion and commercialization of organic farming practices, cultivation and adoption and processing methods which have already been developed or to be developed;
- b. The continuing research and development of Organic Agriculture Agenda;
- c. Upgrading thereof, the capacity building of farmers and the education of consumers thereon; and
- d. The extension of assistance to all stakeholders including individuals and groups who are practicing and promoting the methods as well as those who are willing to do other pertinent activities and documentation and evaluations of the program.

SECTION 7. *ORGANIC AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE*. An Organic Agriculture Committee is hereby created, which shall be composed of:

Chairman : *City Mayor*

Vice-Chairman : *SP Chairman, Committee on Agriculture & Fisheries*

Secretariat : *City Agriculturist, or his duly authorized representative*

Members : *City Director, Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), or his authorized representative*

- *Chairman, Independent Component City Agricultural & Fishery Council (ICCAFC), or His duly authorized representative*
- *Superintendent, School Division, or his duly authorized Representative*
- *City Health Officer, or his duly authorized representative*
- *Director, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), or his duly authorized representative*
- *Head, City Environment & Natural Resource Office (CENRO), or his duly authorized representative*
- *Presidents of not more that three (3) duly accredited*
- *organic farmers associations of the City to be appointed by the City Mayor for a term of two years.*
- *Heads of NGOs of not more than two (2) duly accredited by the City that are involved in sustainable agriculture for at least three (3)years.*

The Existing Local Technical Committee on Organic Agriculture created pursuant to Executive Order No. 29 series of 2011, shall continue to function until the new LTCOA created herein has been constituted pursuant to Section 7 hereof.

**SECTION 8. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE.** The committee shall have the following powers and functions:

- a) Formulate policies, plans, programs and projects to develop and promote Organic Agriculture Program;
- b) Oversee the successful implementation of the programs;
- c) Identify source of financing to expand;
- d) Monitor and evaluate the performance of the programs and appropriate incentives.
- e) Undertake measures for National Recognition of local certification of organic products and organic farm sites;
- f) Call concerned sectors that could provide advice on matters pertaining to Organic Agriculture and to conduct of capability - building initiatives to farmers;
- g) Promulgate such rules and regulations and exercise such other powers and functions as may be necessary to carry out effectively its purposes and objectives;
- h) Perform such functions as may be necessary for its effective operations and for the continued enhancement, growth, or development of Organic Agriculture;
- i) Organize educational seminars and assist farmer groups in implementing the program;
- j) Coordinate and facilitate the application and availment of loans from the Department of Agriculture (DA) and other financing institution;
- k) Arrange possible joint venture agreement between the landowners and farmers, financiers and agrarian reform beneficiaries;
- l) Form farmers association, train, lead, professionalize the group for a more collaborative and efficient business model;
- m) Ensure that farmers are the direct beneficiaries and not simply hired workers and must be collaborative partners;
- n) Create working committees if necessary.
- o) Recommend to the Sangguniang Panlungsod any amendments to this ordinance;
- p) Recommend the needed budgetary allocation for the promotion of Organic Agriculture.

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SECTION 16. *PROMOTION OF URBAN ORGANIC AGRICULTURE.* The CAO shall promote Organic Agriculture even in urban areas utilizing new technologies and taking advantage of ecological solid waste.

SECTION 17. *CAPACITY BUILDING.* To sustain and broaden the base for the implementation of this ordinance, there is hereby adapted a continuous effort, funded by at least twenty percent (20%) of the budget set aside for Organic Agriculture as identified in this ordinance for capacity – building and training, including continuous research and development.

SECTION 18. *SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT.* In accordance with the provisions of Republic Act 9003, or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act, there shall be established a solid waste management plan with particular emphasis on management and utilization of agriculture wastes for composting that could be a good source for organic fertilizer.

SECTION 19. *WATERSHED AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND REHABILITATION.* In accordance with existing laws (National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act of 1992, Wildlife Act, Cave Act, Indigenous People Republic Act (IPRA), Fisheries Act and National Ecotourism Strategy), there shall be biodiversity and watershed conservation and rehabilitation to ensure the continuous provision of these ecological and biological services vital to Organic Agriculture.

SECTION 20. *RECOGNITION OF THE ROLE OF WOMEN.* The role of women in the practice of Organic Agriculture is recognized. Towards this end, measures shall be taken by the City to comply with its obligation to ensure a gender-fair and gender-balanced development along with support mechanisms to take into account the particular needs of women.

SECTION 21. *ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE ORGANIC FARMER'S FESTIVAL.* In accordance with the Organic Agriculture program of the City Government, an Organic Farmer's Festival shall be held annually as one of the highlights during the Charter Day Celebration.

SECTION 22. *APPROPRIATIONS.* The City Government shall yearly allocate an amount for the promotion of Organic Agriculture.

SECTION 23. *IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.* The committee shall, in due course issue implementing rules and regulations as it deems necessary to aid in the orderly implementation of this ordinance.

SECTION 24. *IMPLEMENTING OFFICE.* The CAO shall be primarily tasked in implementing this ordinance in coordination with other agencies.

SECTION 25. *SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.* If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 26. *REPEALING CLAUSE.* All local ordinances and executive orders, or parts thereof, contrary to or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 27. *EFFECTIVITY.* This ordinance shall take effect immediately after the compliance of the necessary publication and posting requirements as provided in the Local Government Code of 1991.

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ENACTED, June 03, 2014.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish copies of this ordinance each to the Honorable City Mayor Edward C. Codilla; the City Administrator; the City Legal Officer; the City Budget Officer; the City Accountant; the City Treasurer; the City Auditor; the City Agricultural Services Office; the City Director, DILG; and other offices concerned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

  
NANCY I. LOPENA  
Acting SP Secretary  
(Local Legislative Staff Officer)

ATTESTED:

  
LEO CARMELO L. LOCSIN, JR.  
Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

  
EDWARD C. CODILLA  
City Mayor

6-6-14

(Date)